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Please find the enclosed herewith the Minutes of ACTC-2017-18 meeting of Equestrian held on 25<sup>th</sup> sept'17 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Sports), MYA&S to finalize the Annual Calendar for Training & Competition for Equestrian discipline for the year 2017-18.

This is for information and necessary action please.

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Project officer (TEAMS)

To

1. The Secretary General, Equestrian Federation of India, C/O "B" Sqn , 61 Cavalry Cariapaa Marg New Delhi 110010.
2. Sh. A.K. Patro, Under Secretary to Govt. Of India, MYA&S, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. The PS to Executive Director (TEAMS), SAI, New Delhi.
4. The Assistant Director to DG, SAI, New Delhi.
5. The PS to Executive Director (Finance) SAI, New Delhi.
6. The PS to Director, Equipment Sports Division, SAI, New Delhi.
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**Sports Authority of India  
(TEAMS Division)**

New Delhi, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct- 2017

**Minutes of the Meeting held in the chamber for Secretary (Sports) on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to consider the ACTC proposal of Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) for the year 2017-18.**

Secretary (Sports) chaired the meeting. Secretary General, Assistant Secretary of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) and SAI officials attended the meeting.

**2. Welcoming the Federation officials, Secretary (Sports) observed that:-**

- (i) The next main event is the 2018 Asian Games. In between now and Asian Games, Federation, as part of preparation, may have to vigorously plan for coaching, training and exposure activities.
- (ii) Federation should make special efforts to open up and spread the sport throughout the country.
- (iii) Federation should initiate steps for strong talent identification of juniors (12- 14 yrs. of age) and also for their over-all development program; should simultaneously plan measures for long-term development of the sport.
- (iv) Federation should pro-actively reach out to NRIs, as part of Overseas Talent Scouting Project.

**3. Equestrian Federation of India informed that:-**

- Their strong event is "Eventing", which includes Dressage, Cross-Country and Show-Jumping. India is stronger in "Eventing" category; however it is weak in "Dressage" sub-category. In "Show-jumping", Federation is hopeful of better performance this time.
- Selection trials for Asian Games, are being conducted from Oct. 2017 to Jan. 2018. Five such (5) trials have been planned. Each event would cost Rs. 8-10 lakh. It is difficult for EFI to hold selection trials without ACTC support. Therefore, Rs. 50 lakh would be required for conduct of trials.
- In addition, World Cup qualifier is to be held in Australia in Jan. 2018. Finals would be held in Russia during March-April, 2018. Indian team would participate in these major competitions. These events have not been projected in the ACTC proposal. Rs. 20.00 lakh would be required for participation in these events.
- In the last World Cup qualifier held at Abu Dhabi in 2016, India won five(5) Gold medals and two(2) Silver medals; in the finals, India got three(3) Gold medals.
- There are twelve(12) medals at stake in Asian Games. Three(3) Team medals in each of the three(3) events and one(1) medal in each individual event.
- EFI's target for Asian Games is two(2) Team medals and one(1) or two(2) individual medals.

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- Secretary (Sports) desired to know if Indian citizens settled abroad, pursuing Equestrian and are talented can be roped in. EFI informed that there are around twenty (20) NRIs representing India in these competitions.
- As part of long-term development, Federation would undertake coaching development programme with the assistance of the International Body; there is also a proposal to set up a National Equestrian Academy.
- Now-a-days more civilians are investing in this sport; even in team events, there are more civilians than army-men.
- Considering these promotional measures, a budget of Rs. 2.50 cr. may be necessary under ACTC for the year 2017-18.
- EFI informed that as per the scheme of financial assistance to NSFs, Federations should ensure participation of all the affiliated units in the national level championships. In case less than 75% of the affiliated units participate, the scale of assistance will be reduced by 25% and no grant shall be provided in case less than 50% of the affiliated units participate.

The Federation pleaded that Equestrian, being a still largely an elite sport and club oriented sport, has limited no. of affiliated units. This should not deprive the Federation from getting financial assistance from the Govt. for conduct of National Championships.

Secretary (Sports) agreed in "principle" and advised SAI to look in to this matter.

4. In his final remarks, Secretary (Sports), observed that considering the following aspects:-

- (i) Federation should utilize the opportunity of the presence of proficient foreign judges and juries for conduct of selection trials (which are international events), to hold 2-3 days workshop, after the trials are over, as part of capacity building, which would benefit Indian Coaches, Technical Officials, Riders etc.,
- (ii) Proposal may be sent to conduct capacity development courses for Indian coaches and technical officials.
- (iii) Undertaking of Overseas Talent Scouting project; and
- (iv) Undertaking Talent Identification Programme for juniors and their all-round development.

the annual budget of the Federation under the ACTC for 2017-18 is fixed at Rs. 2.50 cr.

5. Executive Director (TEAMS) would accordingly re-work out the ACTC proposal in consultation with the Federation and the same would be submitted on file for approval of Secretary (Sports). The budget of Rs. 2.50 crore was approved in principle.

6. With this, the Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.



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